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SUBJECT: CROWN PRINCE FAHD VISIT

1 ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN BRIEFING HOST
GOVERNMENTS REGARDING MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSIONS DURING CROWN
PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

2. THE PRESIDENT REAFFIRMED TO PRINCE FAHD HIS DEDICATION TO A PERMANENT AND JUST PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. NOTING THAT CONCERNS HAD BEEN EXPRESSED AT THE OUTCOME OF THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS AND AT STATEMENTS BY MR. BEGIN, THE PRESIDENT POINTED OUT HE HAD INCLUDED IN HIS NOTRE DAME SPEECH A REFERENCE TO OUR EXPECTATION THAT ISRAEL AND THE OTHER PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD REMAIN BOUND BY THEIR COMMITMENTS TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. HE MADE CLEAR THAT WE INTENDED TO CONTINUE WORKING FOR CONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE THIS YEAR, AND THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING TO THIS END WITH THE NEW ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER ONCE A GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN FORMED. MEANWHILE, IT WOULD BE BEST IF EVERYONE REMAINED CALM DURING THE PERIOD AN ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WAS BEING FORMED.

3. PRINCE FAHD STRESSED SAUDI ARABIA'S DESIRE FOR A PEACE

SETTLEMENT, NOTING THAT THE ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE DAMAGING TO THE AREA AND THE WHOLE WORLD AND WOULD GIVE THE SOVIETS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLOIT FOR THEIR ADVANTAGE.

4. THE PRESIDENT RECALLED THAT HE HAD STATED THE U.S. BASES ITS POSITION ON RESOLUTION 242. HE ALSO RECALLED THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND, WHILE LEAVING THE DEFINITION OF A HOMELAND OPEN FOR NEGOTIATION. FAHD EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT WITHOUT PROVIDING FOR AN INDEPENDENT SECRET

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PALESTINIAN STATE. HE WAS CONVINCED SUCH A STATE WOULD DEVELOP NATURAL LINKS WITH JORDAN AFTER IT WAS ESTABLISHED.

5. THE PRESIDENT ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF AGREEING ON STEPS TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS IN ORDER TO GIVE CONFIDENCE IN THE DURABILITY OF A SETTLEMENT. FAHD FELT SUCH STEPS WOULD EVOLVE LATER IN THE NATURE OF THINGS BUT COULD NOT BE FORCED. FIRST IT WAS IMPORTANT TO CREATE A BETTER PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE AND MUTUAL CONFIDENCE THROUGH ENDING THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY, ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO THE 1967 BORDERS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE.

6. ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA, THE PRESIDENT REAFFIRMED OUR POSITION THAT PLO FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST AND RESOLUTION 242 WAS A SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO OUR DEALING WITH THE PLO AND TO ITS PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA. THE PRESIDENT

EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO HAVE A COMMONLY ACCEPTED BASIS FOR
NEGOTIATIONS AND NOTED THAT RESOLUTION 242 WAS THE ONLY
BASIS ACCEPTED BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY. FAHD SAID IT WAS
DIFFICULT FOR THE PLO TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 242 WITHOUT
SOMETHING IN RETURN. CHRISTOPHER

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